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In re Application of

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For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 29, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawing begins at page 15 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 24 of this paper.